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Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison, Manager's Office *JW*

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager *KM 9.1.15*

RE: A Proclamation To Remember And Honor The Contributions Of Steven S. Spencer, MD To The State Of New Mexico And To Santa Fe County (Commissioner Stefanics)

ITEM AND ISSUE:

This is a Proclamation to honor Dr. Steven Spencer, F.A.C.S.

BACKGROUND

Early in his distinguished career Dr. Spencer worked with Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Gambon, Africa. He went on to serve as an Associate Professor at the University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Medicine in Tanzania, and Head of the Department of Medicine there. He served as Medical Director, Navajo Nation Health Foundation and Sage Memorial Hospital, in Ganado, Arizona.

He was a member of the Disability Review Committee for the PERA of New Mexico and held many positions in New Mexico and especially Santa Fe.

Dr. Spencer most recently served on the Santa Fe County Corrections Advisory Committee as a liaison and consultant regarding the quality of health care provided in the Adult Facility. He also served in various capacities as a consultant regarding Correctional Health Care for New Mexico and Santa Fe County.

He enjoyed fly fishing, performing with several singing groups, camping, skiing and world travel.

Dr. Spencer passed away on July 11, 2015.



SANTA FE COUNTY

A PROCLAMATION TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STEVEN S. SPENCER, M.D., TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND SANTA FE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Steven S. Spencer was born to Steven and Mary Spencer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Steven graduated from Swarthmore College, where he met his wife, Joan, and earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and completed a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer believed that the greatest value in life came from helping others and he dedicated his life to trying to make a difference through service;

WHEREAS, he served as Senior Assistant Surgeon and Chief of Outpatient Services for the US Public Health Service in the 1950's on the Navajo Nation;

WHEREAS, in 1960 he enthusiastically seized an opportunity to work with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a man he greatly admired and a physician and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Spencer worked for six months at Schweitzer's Lambarene Hospital in the African country of Gabon. Dr. Spencer's experiences at the Lambarene Hospital inspired and influenced him for the rest of his life;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer was in private practice in internal medicine in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he also established a coronary care unit in the Flagstaff Community Hospital. He was an Associate Professor at the University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Medicine in Tanzania from 1970 to 1974;

WHEREAS, he was a faculty member of the Medical School at the University of Arizona in Tucson from 1974 to 1979, where he founded the Commitment to Underserved People (C.U.P.) Program, a special educational and enrichment program for medical students. Dr. Spencer also served as Medical Director for the Navajo Nation Health Foundation and Sage Memorial Hospital in Ganado, Arizona from 1979 to 1985;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer became an Independent Consultant in Correctional Health Care, providing service in several states, and a member of the Disability Review Committee of the Public Employees Retirement Association for the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, he had various hospital staff appointments, published many articles and was the recipient of numerous fellowships, grants and honors;



WHEREAS, Steven was a recipient of the 1998 Bernard P. Harrison Award of Merit, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, the 2003 Armond Start Award of Excellence, Society of Correctional Physicians and was appointed to the President's Council, Society of Correctional Physicians in 2012;

WHEREAS, in 2010 the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine established an award titled the "Steven Spencer Award for Community Service." This award continues to be presented annually to a deserving recipient;

WHEREAS, he served in various professional positions and appointments in the states of Wyoming, Louisiana and New Mexico;

WHEREAS, he served on the New Mexico Governor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS from 1986 to 1993;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer's expertise was extensive and instrumental in helping various medical communities and governmental entities in New Mexico such as the Community Health Medic Training Program, Indian Health Service and University of New Mexico, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, Juvenile Justice Division, State of New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee, the New Mexico Corrections Department facilities;

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 1997, Dr. Spencer served on the Board of Directors of St. Elizabeth Shelter for the Homeless;

WHEREAS, in 1996, then-Governor Gary Johnson appointed him to the New Mexico Senate Joint Memorial Blue Ribbon Committee to study the status of the mentally ill in local government detention facilities and recommend measures for appropriate services;

WHEREAS, he served on the Jail Health Subcommittee of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission from 2007 to 2010;

WHEREAS, Dr. Spencer served on the Santa Fe County Corrections Advisory Committee from 2002 to 2007, and from 2013 to 2015, he was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve as liaison and consultant regarding the quality of health care being provided in the County's adult and juvenile detention facilities;

WHEREAS, with his wife Joan, he was one of the founding members of the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty, which was instrumental in the ultimate repeal of the death penalty in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Steven was an avid fly fisherman and a member of the Santa Fe Men's Camerata and other singing groups. He loved skiing, camping, spending time with family, and world travel;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan Spencer; his children, Beth and husband Jerry; Peggy and husband Paul; daughter Sally; Becky and husband Marty;



brothers Douglas and David; and grandchildren Greg, Katie, Serena, Derek, Jaden, Erika and Travis;

WHEREAS, we are saddened by his passing on July 11, 2015, and express our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Steven S. Spencer.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by this Proclamation, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County recognizes and honors Steven S. Spencer, for his contributions to New Mexico and his service to Santa Fe County.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015

Robert A. Anaya, Chair
Commissioner District 3

Miguel M. Chavez, Vice-Chair
Commissioner District 2

Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner District 1

Kathy Holian
Commissioner District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

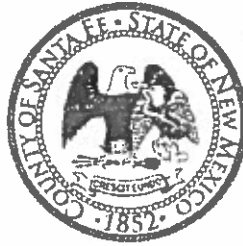
ATTESTATION

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: August 31, 2015

TO: Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Miguel Chavez, County Commissioner District 2
Robert Anaya, County Commissioner District 3

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager *KM*

RE: **A Proclamation Proclaiming September 16, 2015 as Old Spanish Trail Ride Day. (Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Miguel Chavez and Commissioner Robert Anaya)**

Background and Summary

A joint conference has been scheduled for September 17-20, 2015 to bring together three (3) nonprofit organizations: the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA). The Three Trails conference will allow attendees to share information and learn about new ways of evaluating the trails and their impact on Northern New Mexico's identity. The conference will present opportunities to explore environmental and sociological aspects of the trails and their connections, as well as their history. Santa Fe, New Mexico, has long been a productive place for the exchange of ideas.

In honor of this conference, a group of California Backcountry Horsemen has been following the Old Spanish Trail from California and will end their journey in Santa Fe at a ceremony in front of the Palace of the Governors on September 16, 2015.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this resolution be passed in order to encourage the preservation of culture and history in Santa Fe County and to commemorate and promote the selection of Santa Fe County as a location for national conferences.



SANTA FE COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 AS

OLD SPANISH TRAIL RIDE DAY

WHEREAS, In 1829, Antonio Armijo, a merchant from Santa Fe, led men and mules packed with New Mexico woolen goods on known Native American and later fur trappers/traders trails, northward through what is today northwestern New Mexico, southwestern Colorado, southern Utah, northern Arizona, and southern Nevada, across the Mojave Desert into the San Gabriel Mission, and finally to the Los Angeles Plaza where their goods were sold or exchanged for horses and mules; and

WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail was used successfully as a major Southwestern Trade and Migration Route between 1829 and 1848 in delivering New Mexican woolen goods then returning with thousands of horses and mules along the approximately 1,200 miles to Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization supported by a broad membership in 27 states and 13 local chapters in the six Old Spanish Trail States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico) and England; and

WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail became the 15th National Historic Trail when in November of 2002 Congress adopted SB 1946 (the Old Spanish Trail Recognition Act) which President George W. Bush signed into law in December of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County recognizes and commends OSTA and Backcountry Horseman's Association of American for its efforts to study, preserve, protect, interpret, educate, and promote respectful use of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail and its multicultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, today we recognize the California Backcountry Horsemen and their historic ride of the Old Spanish Trail from California to New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that September 16, 2015 is:

OLD SPANISH TRAIL RIDE DAY

Citizens and civic organizations across the County are called upon to acquaint themselves with the Old Spanish National Historical Trail Route and its significance to Santa Fe County and the State of New Mexico.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015

Robert A. Anaya
Chair, Commissioner, District 3

Miguel M. Chavez
Vice-Chair, Commissioner, District 2

Henry Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:



Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

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DATE: August 31, 2015

TO: Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Miguel Chavez, County Commissioner District 2
Robert Anaya, County Commissioner District 3

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager *KM 9-1-15*

RE: A Proclamation Proclaiming September 17, 2015 as Three Trails Day. (Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Miguel Chavez and Commissioner Robert Anaya)

Background and Summary

A joint conference has been scheduled for September 17-20, 2015 to bring together three (3) nonprofit organizations: the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA). The Three Trails conference will allow attendees to share information and learn about new ways of evaluating the trails and their impact on Northern New Mexico's identity. The conference will present opportunities to explore environmental and sociological aspects of the trails and their connections, as well as their history. Santa Fe, New Mexico, has long been a productive place for the exchange of ideas.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this resolution be passed in order to encourage the preservation of culture and history in Santa Fe County and to commemorate and promote the selection of Santa Fe County as a location for national conferences.



SANTA FE COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AS

THREE TRAILS DAY

WHEREAS, over its 400 plus year history, Santa Fe has been a commercial center, historically serving as an integral trail link between Spanish, Mexican and United States markets;

WHEREAS, During the colonial years, New Mexico was tied to the outside world by a single thoroughfare that traversed the Rio Grande valley north and south of Santa Fe, dropped through the natural gate at El Paso, and continued to and from Mexico City some twelve hundred miles, a route of commerce and travel, known as El Camino Real; and

WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail was used successfully as a major Southwestern Trade and Migration Route between 1829 and 1848 in delivering Mexican woolen goods and returning with horses and mules along the approximately 1,200 miles of the trail that helped enable the settlement of the west; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Trail was used primarily as a commercial highway connecting Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico between 1821 and 1880, and as an international commercial highway used by Mexican and American traders from 1821 until 1846, when the Mexican-American War began and the Army of the West followed the Santa Fe Trail to invade New Mexico during that War.

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is a place where nationally recognized events occur and a Three Trails Conference has been scheduled for September 17-20, 2015 to bring together three (3) nonprofit organizations: the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA);

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County intends to develop the site of the old County Courthouse into a new County Complex Building and has resolved that a prominent portion of the walls in the future County Complex be reserved for an art installation commemorating the 2015 Symposium and the Three Historic Trails.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that September 17, 2015 is:

THREE TRAILS DAY

Citizens and civic organizations across the County are called upon to acquaint themselves with the Three Historic Trails and the National Trails System as well as the significant role that Santa Fe County played historically as the hub of an overland continental trade and communications network of thousands of miles.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015

Robert A. Anaya
Chair, Commissioner, District 3

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Vice-Chair, Commissioner, District 2

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